

TERS MIL. DIV. OF THE MISSOURI,
Chicago, Illinois, April 5, 1877.

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I.—To meet the urgent wants of the public, the following routes connecting the Missouri river with the Black Hills, have been selected in accordance with the provisions of a late treaty between the United States and the Sioux Indians, and are, with the approval and by the authority of the Honorable the Secretary of War, announced for the information and guidance of all concerned:—

ROUTE No. 1.—Beginning at Bismarck, Dakota, the present western terminus of the Northern Pacific Railroad, it will cross the 103d meridian of longitude—the western boundary of the Sioux reservation—on the shortest and most practicable route to Deadwood City.

ROUTE No. 2.—Beginning at a point on the right bank of the Missouri river known as Fort Pierre, or at some point not to exceed eighteen miles, by the river, north of that place, it will cross the 103d meridian of longitude—the western boundary of the Sioux reservation—on the shortest and most practicable route to Deadwood City.

ROUTE No. 3.—Beginning at the Yankton crossing of the Missouri river and thence up the south bank of the Niobrara to its crossing opposite the mouth of the Keya Paha river, thence up the latter stream to or near the sources of Porcupine creek, whence it will cross the 103d meridian of longitude—the western boundary of the Sioux reservation—on the shortest and most practicable route to Custer City.

II.—As the opening of these routes will require the establishment of numerous stations between the points of departure on the Missouri river and the 103d meridian of longitude, within the Sioux reservation, it must be distinctly understood that such locations will not carry with them any proprietary right to the land, and will be subject to such conditions as the Honorable the Secretary of War may impose after the surveys are made and the routes legalized.

III.—The western boundary of the Sioux reservation, as provided by the late treaty between the United States and the Sioux Indians, is as follows :—

“Commencing at the intersection of the 103d meridian of longitude with the northern boundary of the State of Nebraska, thence to its intersection with the south fork of the Cheyenne river, thence down said stream to its junction with the north fork, (Belle Fourche,) thence up the north fork of said Cheyenne river to the said 103d meridian of longitude to the south branch of Cannon ball or Cedar creek.”

By command of Lieutenant General SHERIDAN:

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